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TOPICAL DRUG PREPARATIONS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Alan DRIZEN et al.

Examiner: M. Haghighatian

Serial No.: 09/986,183

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Title: **TOPICAL DRUG PREPARATIONS**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period for response expired June 11, 2003. Therefore, a three-month Extension of Time is concomitantly filed, and this response is thereby filed within the time period set by the Examiner.